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In re Application of:

MAEDA et al.

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For: AUTHENTICATION-SELECTION
SYSTEM, AND AUTHENTICATION
SYSTEM

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the
following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claim with:

9. (Twice Amended) A selecting method for selecting one among a plurality
of authentications and at least one combination of the authentications, the method
comprising:

generating at least one combination of authentications using authentication
means for authenticating a person;

calculating and storing authentication performance for each of the plurality of
authentications and the at least one combination of authentications; and

selecting one among the plurality of authentications and of the at least one
combination of the authentications, which meets target performance required for
authentication.

10. (Twice Amended) An authentication method comprising:

generating a plurality of authentications and at least one combination of the
authentications;

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   calculating and storing authentication performance for each of the plurality of authentications and the at least one combination of the authentications;

   selecting one among the plurality of authentications and the at least one combination of the authentications, which meets target performance required for authentication; and

   authenticating a person after verification of input data of the person with registration data in the authentication, or the combination of the authentications.